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MILITIA REPORT TO WASHINGTON ROUSES PROTEST

(Continued from page one)

ment of inefficient and indifferent field officers, sickness on the part of officers and non-attendance at drill on the part of the enlisted men. Politics instead of efficiency, attention to how the men vote instead of how they perform their duties has been the basic evil of this organization in the past.

It is such paragraphs and sentences as these which have moved Col. Jones and a number of veteran officers of the guard to protest in the most earnest manner to the war department through Delegate Kubio against the report. Demand is made that if this record is filed with the war department in Washington there shall be filed with it documentary refutation of the charges that under Col. Jones' administration the National Guard of Hawaii was politics-ridden and commanded by inefficient and indifferent officers.

Lieut. Whitener's report then points out that the community and the territory strongly back and encourage the National Guard and that it is popular with the people at large. He then goes on to say that "when, on August 13, 1915, the governor relieved the former adjutant-general and appointed Col. Samuel I. Johnson to succeed him, his stated purpose was to have the National Guard greatly increased in numbers and brought up to efficiency."

So far as I know, there has not been a single instance of politics in the National Guard since that date. Efficiency has been the keynote of the new administration and Col. Johnson has, to my knowledge, removed many officers for inefficiency who belonged to his own party.

Removals Denied. This statement with reference to the removal of officers the present guard officers declare is not in accordance with fact.

Lieut. Whitener's report then enlarges at much length upon Gen. Johnson's services and his sacrifices in resigning his private affairs to give his time to the National Guard. He dwells then upon the territory-wide interest in the guard and again speaks of Gen. Johnson's invaluable services.

Entering the realm of probabilities the report says that so long as the present governor and the adjutant-general remain in office the National Guard will be free of politics and will make great strides toward efficiency. But, he adds, there might be a change in governors from any one of a number of causes.

Predicts Future "Machine."

"Looking over the field," he comments, "and the candidates for governor from both parties, it is practically certain that the next governor, no matter what his party, will at once issue orders to convert the National Guard of Hawaii into a political machine that will vote right. And this means that all the officers so carefully selected will resign, and their places taken by party men. The National Guard of Hawaii will become rotten to the core. The old, shiftless, indifferent political organization of the past will be the type of the future."

He then relates as fact an incident which he says occurred when a report was printed in one of the Honolulu dailies that the governor was going to resign. "A former candidate for governor of the territory" met Gen. Johnson and said he was to be the next governor, told Johnson that he would continue him as adjutant-general if he would become a Democrat. The report says that each candidate for governor, of no matter what party, is "fully determined to make a political machine" out of the National Guard.

Turning again to Gen. Johnson's abilities and the sacrifice he is making to take the position of adjutant-general, the report points out that he cannot be expected to be held in the service of the territory without much larger compensation.

Urges Federal Appointment for Gen. Johnson. It is urged that he be appointed commanding general by the president with a salary of something like \$10,000 a year. It will be remembered that a bill carrying out substantially this plan is now before Congress. Of Gen. Johnson the report says, "He can hold these people together and give more stability and efficiency to the whole than any army officer. He is better qualified to deal with this peculiar class of volunteer troops than any army officer I know."

Charges Flatly Contradicted. In flat contradiction of Lieut. Whitener's charges are affidavits from National Guard officers which are being sent to Washington to be presented to the war department through Delegate Kubio. Following are extracts from one of these affidavits which are typical of the emphatic denial made to the charge that under the previous adjutant-general the guard was politics-ridden, and the allegation that under the present regime "many officers have been removed who belonged to his own (Johnson's) political party."

This affidavit takes up the charges in detail, with particular reference to the political phase, and after quoting from the report declares that the statements are untrue and defamatory and intended to reflect on the former adjutant-general and the officers and enlisted men of the guard, "many of whom," it points out, "have devoted many years' service to the guard from purely patriotic motives and pride in their organization. There was no politics in the National Guard during the time mentioned, nor has there been since the 1911 appropriation by the legislature of \$100,000 for an armory in Honolulu."

By this reference to the 1911 appropriation it is meant that prior to that time the National Guard worked through legislators to secure a much-needed home, in which work it was helped by many entirely outside the guard, and that with the new armory assured, all such political activities were eliminated.

Relationship Cuts No Figures. It is flatly denied that relationship between members of the legislature and guard officers, or other similar influence, made it almost impossible to secure the removal of inefficient officers. One affidavit states that only one of the officers was so related and he had been appointed after passing the examination for second lieutenant.

One by one the charges of political domination of the guard are taken up and denounced. Finally the affidavit takes up the statement that Adjutant-general Johnson has removed many officers for inefficiency who are members of his own political party.

"No officer was removed," the affidavit declares, "for inefficiency or any other reason, and but one officer resigned up to date of the writing of said report, to wit, November 11, 1915, and that officer was not a Hawaiian officer."

Hawaiian Officers Retained. "All of the Hawaiian officers of the 2nd Battalion of the regiment referred to, and all of the Hawaiian officers of the National Guard who were officers of the National Guard at the time the present incumbent as adjutant-general assumed the duties of his office, on or about August 15, 1915, now are, to wit, on February 16, 1916, officers of the National Guard of Hawaii, although said Lieut. Whitener apparently intended to convey the erroneous impression by the statement quoted from paragraph 8 of said report, that some of the Hawaiian officers had been removed."

The affidavit further declares that up to November 11, 1915, all but one of the officers were retained as officers by the new administration, that since that date but three officers have gone out of the guard—one by a requested resignation and two by voluntary resignations—that of these three officers two are white and one Chinese, and that the requested resignation was that of a white officer.

Other affidavits contain details of the charges of politics just as strongly worded, and declare, too, that under the new administration there has not been any such dismissal of officers for political reasons as would be inferred from Lieut. Whitener's report.

MAY BE MANY MONTHS BEFORE CLEAR TITLE TO SITE IS OBTAINED

It probably will be a month or more before the U. S. attorney's office will finish its examination of abstracts showing the interest of various persons in the Irwin site, which has been selected as the site for Honolulu's new federal building. It may be a matter of several months before instructions are received by the district attorney notifying him to proceed to condemn the property, it was reported today.

District Attorney H. W. Vaughan says that he is still examining abstracts, and that a majority of them already have been looked over and are ready to be sent to Washington. When they have all been examined, they will be forwarded to the department of justice, where they will again be scrutinized. If all of the abstracts are found correct, Mr. Vaughan says, the department will then issue instructions to condemn the site.

All the mines of the Anaconda Co. resumed operations, after having been compelled to shut down because of the extreme cold.

Output of the mines in the Cripple Creek, Colo., district in January amounted to 79,794 tons of bullion, valued at \$1,207,543.

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The recital will begin at 8:15 o'clock and Mrs. L. Tenney Peck will accompany the talented instrumentalist. Tickets are on sale at the Territorial Messenger Service and will also be on sale at the door.

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Col. E. M. House was ambassador Gerard's guest of honor at luncheon, at which Dr. W. S. Solt, German Secretary of State for the Colonies, was also present.

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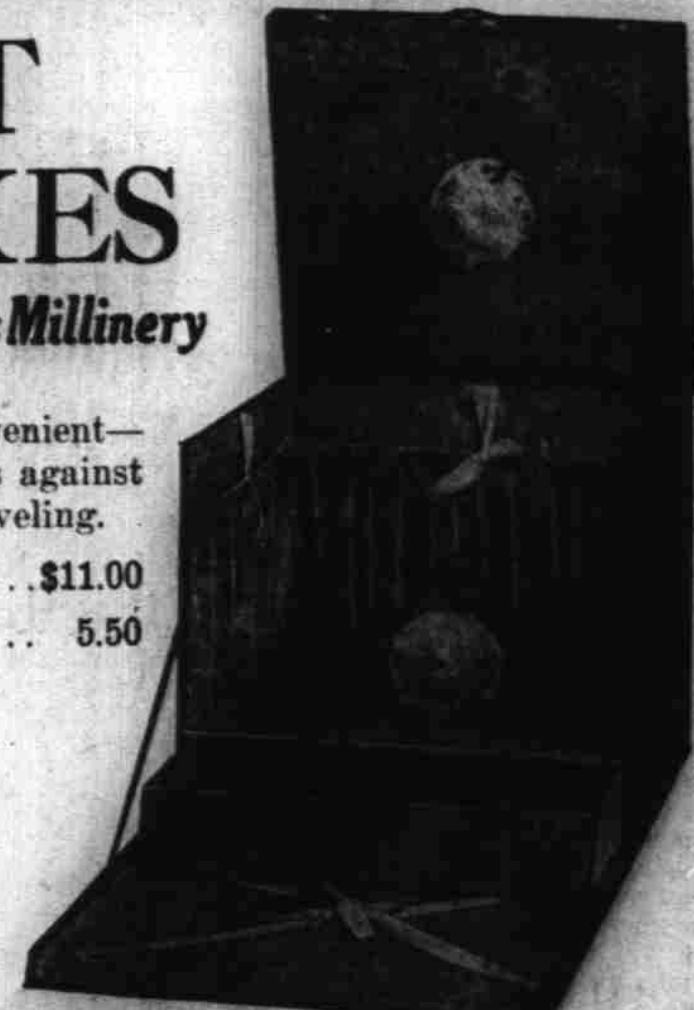
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